

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability

Jay Voss, Chair
Janet M. Finneran
Allan B. Taylor

Minutes of Meeting
March 24, 2010

Call to Order

Mr. Voss called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was held in room 307 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. Present were Mr. Voss, Ms. Finneran and Mr. Taylor. Also present were Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Associate Commissioner Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Bureau Chief Deborah Richards, Assistant to the Commissioner and State Board of Education Pam Bergin, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs Daniel Murphy and Attorney Laura Anastasio.

Also, present at the meeting were State Board member Theresa Hopkins-Staten, Hartford Board Chairperson Ada Miranda, Superintendent Steven Adamowski, Principal Steven Perry, Assistant Superintendent for School Design Christiana Kishimoto and Attorney for Hartford Board of Education Anne Littlefield.

Approval of Minutes of the December 15, 2009 Committee Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Jay Voss and seconded by Janet Finneran.

Executive Session

Allan Taylor moved, Janet Finneran seconded that the Ad Hoc Committee on Accountability move into executive session at 1:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the legal response to Hartford's proposal.

Present at executive session were Board members: Jay Voss, Allan Taylor and Janet Finneran. Also present were Commissioner of Education Mark K. McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman and Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs Daniel Murphy.

The Board reconvened in public session at 1:30 p.m. Present were Jay Voss, Allan Taylor, Janet Finneran, Commissioner Mark K. McQuillan, Deputy Commissioner George A. Coleman, Associate Commissioner Dr. Marion H. Martinez, Bureau Chief Deborah Richards, Assistant to the Commissioner and State Board of Education Pam Bergin, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs Daniel Murphy and Attorney Laura Anastasio.

Public Participation

Sharon Palmer, AFT affiliation – Ms. Palmer spoke against the proposal.
Andrea Johnson, AFT affiliation – Dr. Johnson spoke against the proposal.
Joshua Hall, AFT affiliation – Mr. Hall spoke against the proposal.

Nancy Winterbottom, AFT affiliation – Ms. Winterbottom spoke against the proposal.
Edwin Vargas, AFT affiliation – Mr. Vargas spoke against the proposal.
Roch Gerard, CFSA affiliation – Mr. Gerard spoke against the proposal.

The Ad Hoc Committee agreed that the resolution would be placed on the State Board of Education agenda without recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Dube